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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Was any chemical test or analysis made of these products, which showed that they are deleterious to public health? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" That product was examined by our Chemical Analyst, Sir, and it was found that it is poisonous if it is taken in sufficient quantity and so, in the interests of the public health of this Province, we have banned its importation into this Province."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" What is the nature of the poison that is contained in it, Sir? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I do not know the details, Sir. If the hon. Member wants it to be known, and if he gives me time, I shall get the required information for him. But I know that people have died out of it. What that particular poison is, I am not in a position to say at present. If the hon. Member wants, I shall call for and furnish the information to him."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" Because a number of people had died by taking this deleterious product, do not the Government think it worth while to investigate and find out the nature of the poison contained in it? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I said that the Government have investigated it and found out that it contained some poison. If only the hon. Member gives me time, I shall go into the files and find out what that particular poison is and give the information to the hon. Member."

The Ramapadasagar Project.

* 82 Q.—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the execution of the Ramapadasagar Project has been abandoned, and if so, for what reasons;

(b) the expenditure incurred hitherto on the investigation of the project showing details about (i) the amount spent for sending local Engineers to America and other countries; (ii) the expenditure incurred for the Engineers from America and other countries coming and inspecting and submitting their report; (iii) the other items of expenditure incurred; (iv) the total estimated cost of the project—the area to be irrigated and the quantities of foodgrains in tons to be got under the scheme; and

(c) whether the report submitted by the American Engineers on the project will be laid on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) No. But the execution of the Project is being delayed because the Government of India and this Government are unable to find the money, equipment and man-power immediately.

" (b) The approximate amount of total commitments so far made on account of the investigation of the Ramapadasagar including provision made in the Budget Estimate for 1949–50

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is Rs. 66·46 lakhs made up of Rs. 47·18 lakhs for works and Rs. 19·28 lakhs for establishment. The total amount of Rs. 66·46 lakhs is also made up as follows :—

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(i) Expenditure on sending Local Engineers to America and other countries	0·45
(ii) Expenditure on Engineers from America and other countries coming and inspecting sites and submitting their reports	2·38
(iii) Other items	63·63
	66·46

(iv) The total estimated cost of the Project is Rs. 129 crores under current schedule of rates, and the total sum at charge inclusive of arrears of simple interest Rs. 160 crores. The area to be newly brought under irrigation is 1·18 million acres and a new second crop can be raised on 1·56 million acres which includes 0·51 million acres of the 1·18 million acres of new area referred to above. The approximate amount of additional produce of foodgrains from the Project will be 1·1 million tons of rice annually."

"(c) Yes. The report [a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, what amount was paid to the American Engineer who was asked to come, inspect and to give expert advice to the Government in regard to the feasibility of the Project? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already answered that question, Sir. I said that the cost was Rs. 2·38 lakhs."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether the sum of Rs. 66·46 lakhs spent on the investigation of the Project has been taken into account in the division of the assets and liabilities between the Andhra Province and the residuary Province? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not think so, Sir."

SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" May I know, Sir, whether any further investigation in respect of that project has been going on? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Whatever investigation has to be done, is being done."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether any Public Works Division under a Superintending Engineer or an Executive Engineer has been functioning there now in order to carry on any work that is required in connection with the execution of the project? "

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 1024–1030 infra

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The main staff has been placed there in order to carry out the work."

SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" May I know, Sir, when this Government can expect the Government of India to furnish the necessary capital to carry out the execution of the project? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am unable to say exactly when the Government of India will be able to provide the finances necessary for the execution of the project."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Seeing the extra-ordinary amount to be spent for this project, was any communication addressed to the Central Government to put up the necessary expenditure for the inauguration of this project? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" After the investigation was fairly complete, we sent a report to the Government of India. We asked the Government of India only to sanction the project and to help us with loans. We did not ask them to give us any grants."

SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Is any such investigation also going on with regard to the Sangameswaram Project? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, investigation is going on in regard to that project also."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" What is the reply of the Central Government with regard to the request made by the Government of Madras? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Central Government replied that in view of their present financial position, it would not be possible for them to sanction the project at present."

SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" When it is not possible to get the necessary money and material for one project, what is the use of going on with the investigation of another big project? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" When it is possible to find money for one project, it will be equally possible to find money for the other also."

Partition Council for the formation of the Andhra Province.

* 83 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a Partition Council has been set up in pursuance of any direction from the Government of India on the question of the formation of the Andhra Province;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, who the members of the Committee are and whether they represent all the interests affected by the Partition;

(*c*) what the terms of reference to the Partition Council are;